GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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CUTTING OF TREES IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of trees have been uprooted or cut in Delhi during the last five years;

(b) if so, the reasons for uprooting/cutting these trees;

(c) the policy of the Government concerning uprooting or cutting of trees;

(d) the number of saplings sown during the last five years and the number of those surviving as on date; and

(e) the measures taken to keep Delhi green and pollution free?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) A number of trees have been uprooted in Delhi during the last five years mainly for important developmental projects, like road widening, construction of flyovers, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation projects, High Capacity Bus System projects, etc. The trees have been permitted to be uprooted under the provisions of the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994.

(c) to (e) The information is annexed.